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Date of Interview: 22 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: Cantwell (US 5,917,827).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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The interview was conducted to discuss and clarify the claimed invention. Mr. Anderson recommended that the language of claim 3 be amended and its limitations to be incorporated in claim 1 such that the newly amended claim 1 would indicate a transitional reason to switch between the wireline PSTN to the overlay Microwave network. This amendment of claim 1 appears to overcome cited references "Henry" and "Cantwell". Claim 1, once amended would read as followed:

A microwave communication network that overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising: a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which overlays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically located so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between two or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC), wherein if said ILEC provides insufficient wireline bandwidth between two or more of said central offices, tandem switches or other premises, then said microwave network provides wireless bandwidth as an alternative communication path.